[Honourable Mr. T. M. Varghese.]

(ii) with regard to the grant of Friday noon-interval, no change in the present system is considered necessary as the proposal to grant it to the whole school would inconvenience the non-Muslim pupils.

Patients in Hospitals.

40. MR. EAPEN ARAKKAL : Will the Honourable Minister for Medical be pleased to state whether there is any rule or practice by which the Assistant Doctors in a hospital (doctors other than the District Medical Officer and the Resident Medical Officer) are precluded from visiting the patients in the general ward or pay ward in a hospital ?

HONOURABLE MR. C. KESAVAN : No

Powers of Secretaries to Government.

41. MR. K. M. CHANDY (*Meenachil I-General*): Will the Honourable Minister for Accounts and Confidential Sections be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they intend to change the present system which allows the permanent officials called Secretaries to carry on the work of administration generally done by Ministers in democratic countries; and

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that at present some of the Secretaries are passing orders and disposing of certain files without the knowledge of Ministers ?

HONOURABLE MR. A. THANU PILLAI : (*a*) Under the present system the Secretaries do not do the work of Ministers. They only help the Honourable Ministers in carrying on the work of administration.

(*b*) Certain routine matters are disposed of by the Secretaries.

Portfolios of Ministers.

42. MR. N. V. CHACKO (*Kunnathnad III-General*) : Will the Honourable Minister for Political and General be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the portfolios or departments which are in charge of the various Ministers so as to enable members to know to which Minister particular questions are to be addressed ?

HONOURABLE MR. A. THANU PILLAI : The statement is laid on the table.

അഞ്ചൽ ജീവനക്കാർ.

43. MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : (*Mavelikara II—General*) : തിരുവിതാംകൂർ ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ?

അഞ്ചൽ ജീവനക്കാരിൽനിന്നും ശമ്പളപരിഷ്കരണത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് വല്ല നിവേദനവും ഗവണ്മെൻറിന് ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ? ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്തു നടപടി നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

HONOURABLE MR. C. KESAVAN : Yes.
The matter is under consideration.

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